

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A sealing device ~~(4)~~ for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a shaft ~~(1)~~ reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~ surrounding an outer periphery thereof, comprising

a washer ~~(41)~~;

a main lip ~~(42)~~ integrally bonded to a sealed space ~~(A)~~ side of the washer ~~(41)~~ and slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface ~~(1a)~~ of said shaft ~~(1)~~;

an auxiliary lip ~~(43)~~ integrally formed in an outer peripheral side thereof; a backup ring ~~(44)~~ fitted to a portion between an atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side of the slidable surface ~~(42C)~~ of said main lip ~~(42)~~ and an inner peripheral portion ~~(41a)~~ of said washer ~~(41)~~ and bearing said main lip ~~(42)~~ from the atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side and the inner peripheral side;

a dust lip ~~(45)~~ integrally bonded to the atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side of said washer ~~(41)~~ and slidably brought into close contact with the outer peripheral surface ~~(1a)~~ of said shaft ~~(1)~~; and

an outer peripheral lip ~~(46)~~ integrally bonded to the outer peripheral portion ~~(41b)~~ of said washer ~~(41)~~ and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~,

wherein said auxiliary lip ~~(43)~~ is brought into close contact with an inner peripheral surface of an inner peripheral step portion ~~(31)~~ formed in an inner periphery of a contact portion with said washer ~~(41)~~ in a rod guide ~~(3)~~ fixed to said outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~ and having an inner peripheral surface closely faced to an outer peripheral surface of said shaft ~~(1)~~ so as to be continuous in a circumferential direction, with a proper fastening margin.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A sealing device ~~(4)~~ for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a

shaft  $\{1\}$  reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member  $\{2\}$  surrounding an outer periphery thereof, comprising

a washer  $\{41\}$ ;

a main lip  $\{42\}$  closely fitted to a main lip holding concave portion  $\{41e\}$  formed in a sealed space  $\{A\}$  side in an inner peripheral portion  $\{41a\}$  of the washer  $\{41\}$  so as to be continuous in a circumferential direction and slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface  $\{1a\}$  of said shaft  $\{1\}$ ;

a backup ring  $\{44\}$  fitted to a portion between an atmosphere  $\{B\}$  side of the slidable surface  $\{42e\}$  of the main lip  $\{42\}$  and a rising surface of said main lip holding concave portion  $\{41e\}$  and bearing said main lip  $\{42\}$  from the atmosphere  $\{B\}$  side and the inner peripheral side;

a dust lip  $\{45\}$  integrally bonded to the atmosphere  $\{B\}$  side of said washer  $\{41\}$  and slidably brought into close contact with the outer peripheral surface  $\{1a\}$  of said shaft  $\{1\}$ ; and

an outer peripheral lip  $\{46\}$  integrally bonded to the outer peripheral portion  $\{1a\}$  of said washer  $\{41\}$  and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member  $\{2\}$ .

Claim 3 (currently amended): A sealing device  $\{4\}$  for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a shaft  $\{1\}$  reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member  $\{2\}$  surrounding an outer periphery thereof, comprising

a washer  $\{41\}$ ;

an auxiliary washer  $\{47\}$  arranged in a sealed space  $\{A\}$  side of said washer  $\{41\}$  in a state of being brought into contact with a rod guide  $\{3\}$  fixed to said outer peripheral member  $\{2\}$  and having an inner peripheral surface closely faced to an outer peripheral surface of said shaft  $\{1\}$ , and having an outer peripheral portion pressure-inserted and fitted to said washer  $\{41\}$ ;

a main lip  $\{42\}$  integrally bonded to a sealed space  $\{A\}$  side in an inner peripheral portion of the auxiliary washer  $\{47\}$  and

slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface {1a} of said shaft {1};

an outer peripheral lip {46} integrally bonded to an outer peripheral portion of said auxiliary washer {47} and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member {2};

a backup ring {44} fitted to a portion between an atmosphere {B} side of the slidable surface {42e} of said main lip {42} and an inner peripheral portion {41a} of said washer {41} and bearing said main lip {42} from the atmosphere {B} side and the inner peripheral side; and

a dust lip {45} integrally bonded to the atmosphere {B} side of said washer {41} and slidably brought - - - the outer peripheral surface {1a} of said shaft {1}.